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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above identified patent application, please enter the following replacement paragraph at page 1, following the title:

-- This application is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial number 09/089,789, filed June 3, 1998, now pending; which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 09/034,724, filed March 4, 1998, now U.S. Patent Number 6,001,574; which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 08/665,565, filed June 18, 1996, now U.S. Patent Number 5,763,239, the contents of all of which are herby incorporated by reference.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8

I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail on March 28, 2002, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231

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The changes to the paragraph, as filed, may be found in the attached "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made."

No fee is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this response. However, if any fee is deemed necessary, the Commissioner is authorized to charge (or apply any credits to) Deposit Account 50-1355. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if there are any questions related to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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